working in difficult/distant construction sites. These rules have served well during the construction phase.

[Translation]

Utilisation of Railway Land for Commercial Purposes

4188. SHRIMATI KETAKI DEVI SINGH :
SHRIMATI LAKSHMI PANABAKA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that most of the unutilised Railway land has been encroached;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to commercialise the Railway land/encroached land;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to lease out the Railway land in cities and small towns?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir. Only 2457 Hectares out of 24,845 Hectares vacant Railway land is under encroachment/unauthorised occupation.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Distance Between Bilha Nagar and Pendra Railway Station

4189. SHRI PUNNU LAL MOHLE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the distance between Bilha Nagar and Pendra railway stations in Bilaspur district of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the norms adopted for stopping Superfast and Express trains at stations and the distance for the stoppage of trains between one station to another; and

(c) the names and details of the Superfast and Express trains stopping at Bilha Nagar and Pendra railway stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) About 116 Kms.

(b) Provision of stoppage of trains including Superfast and Express depends upon the traffic offering, alternative services available, pattern of service and characteristics of the train.

(c) 8029/8030 Howrah-Kurla and 8237/8238 Bilaspur-Amritsar Chattisgarh Expresses stop at Bilha. 8253/8254 Durg-Bhopal Amarkantak, 5159/5160 Durg-Chhapra Sarnath and 8477/8478 Puri-Nizamuddin Kalinga Utkal Expresses stop at Pendra Road.

[English]

Housing Scheme for Beedi Workers

4190. SHRI YELLAIAH NANDI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the centrally sponsored housing schemes for beedi workers in the country;

(b) the details thereof during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether these schemes apply to both rural as well as urban beedi workers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (d) The Central Government operates two housing schemes for Beedi Workers namely Housing Scheme for Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and Build your own Housing Scheme (BYOHS). These schemes apply to both rural as well as Urban beedi Workers. The State-wise details for the last 3 years are given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

Number of Houses constructed for beedi workers State-wise and Year-wise during the last three years.

S.No.	States	1993-94		1994-95		1995-96	
		EWS	BYOHS	EWS	BYOHS	EWS	BYOHS
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Tamilnadu	-	4	-	86	1000	16
2.	Andhra Pradesh	3341	358	6116	239	4717	117
3.	Karnataka	1306	-	-	2	-	-
4.	Kerala	-	317	-	457	-	155
5.	Rajasthan	-	-	-	-	-	-
6.	Gujarat	-	-	-	-	-	-
7.	Maharashtra	-	7	103	13	-	13
8.	Bihar	-	-	-	-	-	-

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9.	Uttar Pradesh	-	28	-	20	-	13
10.	M.P.	12	-	-	-	-	-
11.	Orissa	-	83	-	66	-	153
12.	Tripura	-	-	-	-	-	-
13.	Assam	-	40	-	109	-	-
14.	West Bengal	-	92	-	45	-	30

Reservation of Two Berths to Physically Handicapped

4191. SHRI JAYSINH CHAUHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have decided to allot two berths in sleeper class for the physically handicapped persons in each non-suburban train under reservation quota;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether reservation is also proposed to be provided for the attendant accompanying them; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (d) Ministry of Railways have issued instructions to Zonal Railways to earmark two berths in sleeper class in all train running on non-suburban sections for handicapped persons performing their journey on handicapped concessional ticket. The person accompanying the handicapped person as escort will also be provided accommodation out of this quota.

Joint Venture of SAIL for Coal

4192. SHRI VIJAY PATEL : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether SAIL is planning for joint venture for mining a part of its coal requirements; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) and (b) SAIL has applied to the Ministry of Coal for allocation of certain identified coking coal mining blocks. SAIL proposes to operate these blocks either on its own or on joint venture basis with other parties to meet a part of its coal requirement. The Screening Committee, functioning in the Ministry of Coal, had identified four coking coal mining blocks for captive development by SAIL. After detailed studies SAIL have decided to harness the Tasra Coking Coal Block.

In this regard, SAIL had sought in principle approval of the Ministry of Steel for formation of Joint Venture Coal Company and the Ministry has conveyed its broad agreement to the same.

Performance of Public Sector Undertakings

4193. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the performance of each of the Public Sector Undertakings under Mines Sector during each of the last three years;

(b) the details of ongoing/new proposals for expansion/revival of these undertakings and provision of funds made for each of the PSUs for the current year;

(c) the steps taken to improve performance of these PSUs during the next three years; and

(d) the total number of Board level posts vacant/ likely be fall vacant during the current year, PSU-wise and action taken to fill up these posts?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) The performance of the six Public Sector Undertakings under the Ministry of Mines during the last three years in terms of profit/loss is given below :

(Rs. in Crores) (-)Loss

Name of the PSUs	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1. NALCO	156.72	300.17	535.25
2. BALCO	15.27	90.51	163.33
3. HCL	(-)69.55	72.26	75.84
4. HZL	4.55	76.43	65.71
5. MECL	(-)11.86	(-)14.03	(-)12.24
6. BGML	(-)39.39	(-)36.50	(-)43.73

(b) and (c) The expansion/modernisation/revival of Public Sector Undertakings is a continuous process, and wherever feasible, necessary budgetary support under Annual Plan is given by the Government to loss making companies. The plan outlays proposed in RE